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NEWS

Crime

Man shot to death in Bed-Stuy

A 29-year-old man was shot to death in his own home in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, early Sunday morning, police said. Jonathan Emanus, 29, was shot numerous times inside 202 Pulaski St. He was taken to Woodhull Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. No arrests have been made. The investigation is ongoing.

Quoted

"The objective arguments fall away and all you're left with is naked prejudice."

ERIC SCHNEIDERMAN, ABOUT DOMA ON "THE BRIAN LEHRER" RADIO SHOW

Traffic

'Gridlock Sam' pushes for bridge tolls

Former Traffic Commissioner "Gridlock Sam" Schwartz hasn't stopped fretting over Manhattan traffic: The cabbie-turned-traffic engineer is scheduled to present his latest plan to fight Manhattan congestion Thursday at Baruch College.

Schwartz's plan relies heavily on tolling vehicles entering "the central business district" (Manhattan), where mass transit options are plentiful, but also decreases tolls on bridges that do not enter Manhattan.

The fee to enter and exit the epicenter of Manhattan would be $5 with E-ZPass or $7 cash.

Schwartz is also proposing three new bike and pedestrian bridges into Manhattan.

The presentation will start at 10 a.m. in the Baruch College Conference Center. RSVPs are requested.

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Charity

Wine auction to benefit Sandy victims

Members of the wine industry are banding together for an online wine auction that is raising money for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.

Participants can bid on 250 wines and experiential packages, including a cross-country trip for wine lovers featuring Napa and Washington.

The proceeds will be donated to the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York, which is helping with the Sandy relief efforts by providing hot meals and grants to those devastated by the storm.

Bidders can visit www.de-vine intervention.com through April 7.

MARY ANN GEORGANTOPOULOS

Riders raise their bikes in memoriam of a cyclist who was killed by a car in New York City. / EMILY ANNE EPSTEIN

Mean streets for city cyclists

Cycling deaths. As New York becomes more bike friendly, some cyclists have taken to creating living wills.

Some cyclists are so sure the NYPD would not investigate their deaths in traffic that they are making living wills.

The environmental advocacy group Time's Up! is collecting the wills on a website where New Yorkers ask the NYPD to launch a full investigation if they are killed by a car and to make that information public.

About 25 bikers have submitted wills so far, Brooklynite Keegan Stephan said.

"The videos are a little chilling," Stephan, 29, said.

In Stephan's video, he says, "I'm making this video to say that if I'm killed by an automobile on the streets of New York City, I would like the NYPD to do a full investigation, and I would like that investigation report to be released to the public."

Previously, the NYPD only investigated crashes where the victim died or was likely to die. Many advocates argued that this meant no evidence was collected, even if someone was severely injured.

Earlier this month, the NYPD announced it would also investigate crashes that involve serious injuries.

Just last week, a cyclist in Astoria was reportedly hit two times by the same van, while he was riding in the bike lane.

He added that making a will had been a "morbid" experience that made him again aware of the danger of riding in city streets.

"It's just a reality check to be biking or even walking in New York City and not realize how dangerous the traffic is," he said. "You're kind of taking your life into your own hands."

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Killed by Cars

Clara Heyworth, 28, was hit by a car in July 2011 as she stepped across a Fort Greene street to meet her husband, Jacob Stevens. Stevens filed a lawsuit against the NYPD, who he said did not do enough to investigate her case. Heyworth did not die at the scene, but she later died from her injuries. The driver was charged with driving while intoxicated but was not sentenced to jail time.

- Mathieu Lefevre, a Brooklyn artist, was killed while on his bike in October 2011 when he was hit by a flatbed truck.
- His family sued the NYPD to get more information about the investigation. His mother, Erika Lefevre, blasted the NYPD for not giving them pictures of the scene, because the investigator's camera was broken.

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Coney Island opens, garners protesters

News. Some neighbors say they are still recovering from Sandy.

Coney Island's Luna Park opened Sunday for the first time since Hurricane Sandy. Nathan's Hot Dogs launched the festivities with its national hot dog-eating contest on the boardwalk.

While local leaders and longtime fans of the park celebrated the opening that comes one week before Easter every year and lasts until Halloween, some residents who are still struggling to recover from superstorm Sandy came out to protest.

The opening arrived on schedule, even though devastation from the storm almost delayed the event, The New York Times reported.

The storm damaged rides and flooded electrical equipment. Most restaurants still remain closed, but Sunday's celebration and opening of the rides signaled a return to normalcy for some New Yorkers.

Sunday's excitement also highlighted how much more work needs to be done in the area following the storm's damage. About a dozen nearby residents came out to the park to protest. They held signs that read "Coney Island is not back" and "People live here," the Times reported.

A number of local businesses as well as major institutions like libraries, hospitals and police stations remain closed in the area.

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz said that he understands the residents' concerns and that it is important to keep the focus on them.

Some venues such as the New York Aquarium and Sideshows by the Seashore will not open until later this spring.

Sandy's Shadow

The amusement park had its electrical grid replaced.

- Some local residents went without power for weeks after superstorm Sandy.
- The New York Aquarium will open later this year.
- Many of the restaurants in Coney Island still remain closed.

Coney Island opened for the season last Sunday. / METRO ARCHIVE

The park's rides are a popular attraction.

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Social media. EMT Lieutenant put on suspension for tweets

Another FDNY employee has come under fire for racist tweets, the NY Post reported. Timothy Dluthos, who tweeted under the name "Bad Lieutenant" and used a picture of Hitler as his avatar, was suspended for 30 days for tweeting comments deriding various minority groups, the Post reported.

A source told the Post that his punishment could range from a fine to termination.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Offensive tweets

He claimed he was venting due to a stressful job, saying Bedford-Stuyvesant is "like a battlefield."

Crime

Cops make arrest in Coney Island shooting

Police arrested a man in connection with a shooting last Friday.

According to police, cops responded to a 911 call reporting four people shot in Coney Island.

Angel Rivera, 28, died. Cops arrested Joseph Brown and charged him with murder.

ALISON BOWEN

News

Morales sues the city

Nelson Morales, the alleged mastermind of the robbery resulting in the death of New York Police Department officer Peter Figoski, is suing the city from behind bars, reports the NY Daily News.

Morales, 53, claims he was injured when a Department of Corrections bus he was on crashed into another bus.

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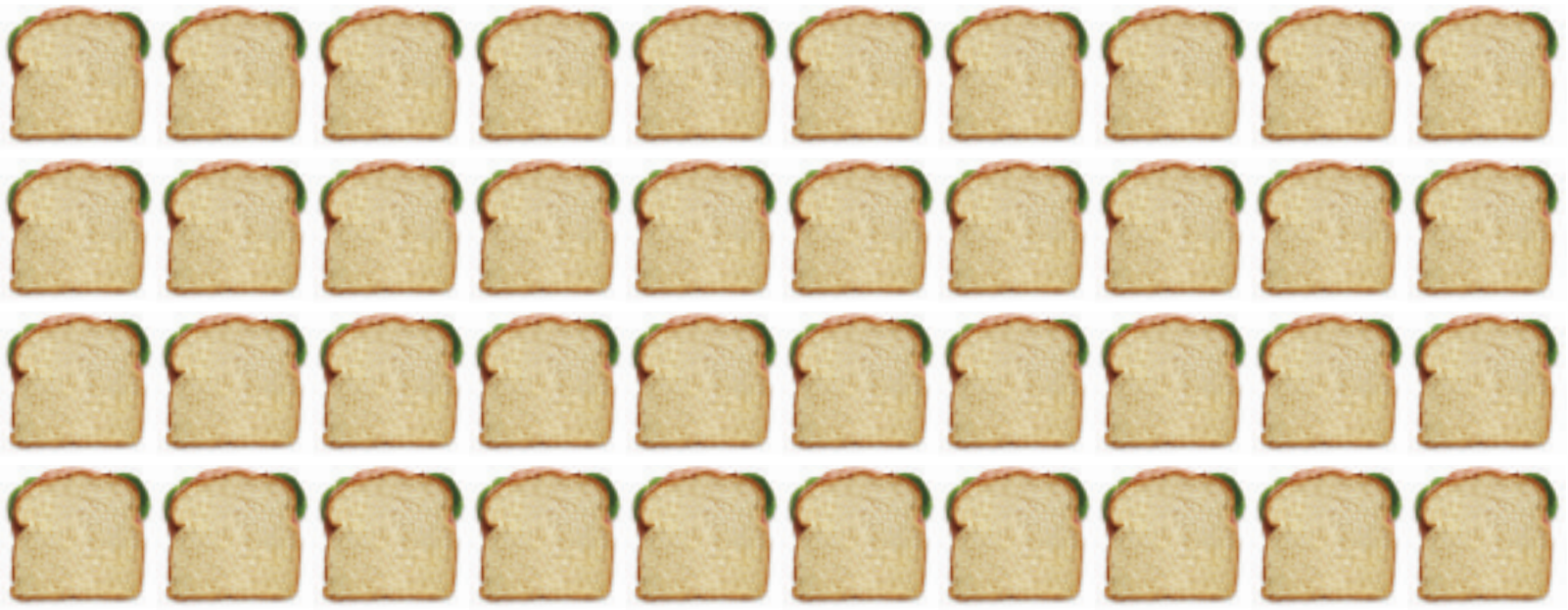

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Work. City unveils fleet of jobs programs

Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced a fleet of programs yesterday that will deliver new jobs to low-income New Yorkers

Speaking at Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow, a Bushwick group that offers job-placement help, the mayor launched eight programs to connect New Yorkers with career placement.

One program will help people pursuing an associate's or certificate's degree by giving them workplace experience, like an internship at a tech company.

Another program will create apps to link job searchers and gigs — for example, helping a student find a job within a 30-minute commute.

Vacant land will also be put to employment use — designated areas in Brownsville and East New York will become pop-up businesses.

Another program targets immigrants, providing them with skills training and career plans.

Leslie Robbins, director of the Riverside Language Program, which offers free English to foreign students said, "New York City will benefit from a whole new pool of intellectual riches."

Job help

The city announced eight new jobs programs yesterday, including:

- Helping people find work within 30 minutes of home
- Using vacant land for pop-up businesses
- Providing training to immigrants

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Rallying for marriage equality

Marchers took to the streets of New York on Sunday to show support for marriage equality. The U.S. Supreme Court will consider the issue of same-sex marriage in today and tomorrow's hotly anticipated hearings that could have historic consequences. The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on two cases related to the right to marry. / EMMANUEL DUNAND/GETTY IMAGES

Fire

Man dies in Queens's fire

James Minor, 35, was found dead inside a South Jamaica, Queens, home after firefighters extinguished a fire at the location Sunday, cops said. Police and firefighters discovered the burned body in the basement. **LAURA SHIN**

Traffic accident

Bronx dirt-bike dust-up

An elderly man and a dirt-bike rider were injured Sunday night when the dirt bike struck a pedestrian.

A 20-year-old man driving the dirt bike flipped and hit a 77-year-old man who was waiting to cross the street in Pelham Gardens, Bronx, witnesses told the New York Post. **LAURA SHIN**

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Relations. Kerry makes unannounced visit to Afghanistan

Secretary of State John Kerry made a show of unity with Afghan President Hamid Karzai during a short visit to Afghanistan yesterday, following weeks of heightened tensions between the two countries.

Kerry made the unannounced visit to Afghanistan in order to discuss a host of issues including attempts to stabilize the country before most foreign troops leave by the end of 2014, the transfer of security responsibility to Afghan forces and Afghanistan's elections, a U.S. official told reporters.

The two held a news conference at the presidential palace in Kabul. During it, Karzai confronted questions about his remarks earlier this month accusing the Taliban of undertaking attacks "in service of America." REUTERS

Karazi and Kerry leave their bilateral meeting yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"I never used the word 'collusion' between the Taliban and the U.S. Those were not my words. Those were the [words] picked up by the media."

Afghan President Hamid Karzai
Numerous press reports stated he was suggesting the U.S. and the Taliban were colluding, but he rejected that interpretation at the news conference.

Gay marriage cases to define Supreme Court

Politics. The U.S. Supreme Court considers the constitutionality of marriage for gay men and lesbians in the coming week.

For same-sex marriage and civil unions, a Reuters/Ipsos poll in mid-March found deep differences of opinion regionally, although support was at 63 percent nationwide. / JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

In their first-ever review of same-sex marriage laws, the nine justices on the country's highest court are hearing arguments today and tomorrow on one of the most politically charged dilemmas of the day, bound with themes of religion, sexuality and social custom.

The paired cases will be heard at a time when opinion polls show surging approval for gay unions and when prominent individuals and groups, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, have been announcing support for same-sex marriage on a nearly daily basis.

Beyond the public drama, and central to the justices' regard for their own role, the marriage dispute offers a classic test of when courts should intervene in social dilemmas that have traditionally been the province of the states.

With such cultural and judicial crosscurrents, the controversy naturally draws a comparison to one of the court's most defining cases in the past 40 years. The 1973 Roe v. Wade decision made abortion legal nationwide just as states were weighing related legislation. The ruling generated a social and political backlash that endures today. REUTERS

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Sandusky, left, gave an interview from prison in which he claimed he is innocent. / PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

Sandusky maintains innocence

Convicted child molester Jerry Sandusky said he was unsure if former Penn State football coach Joe Paterno suspected he abused underage boys, and he maintained his innocence in interview excerpts aired on NBC's "Today" show yesterday.

Sandusky, Penn State's former defensive coordinator, brought down Paterno, who built a college football powerhouse and lost his job when the case became public in 2011. The university found Paterno failed to previously report Sandusky.

Paterno died two-and-a-half months later at age 85, with many fans protesting that he was unfairly treated.

Documentary filmmaker John Ziegler interviewed Sandusky for three-and-a-half hours as part of his effort to clear Paterno's name. "Today" aired excerpts of the audio recordings, with Ziegler as a studio guest.

The Paterno family attorney, Wick Sollers, called the release of the Sandusky recordings a "sad and unfortunate development" that only insulted his victims.

"The Paterno family would prefer to remain silent on this matter, but they feel it is important to make it clear that they had no role in obtaining or releasing this recording," the statement said. "Moreover, they believe that any attempt to use this recording as a defense of Joe Paterno is misguided and inappropriate." REUTERS

Quoted

"If [Paterno] absolutely thought I was a child molester, I'd say no. If he had a suspicion, I don't know the answer to that.

Paterno

Prosecutor: Court should overturn Knox acquittal

A state prosecutor urged Italy's top court yesterday to overturn the acquittal of American Amanda Knox and a former boyfriend for the murder of British student Meredith Kercher.

Kercher's half-naked body, with more than 40 wounds and a deep gash in the throat, was found in the apartment she shared with Knox in Perugia in 2007.

The Court of Cassation, Italy's final court of appeal, is expected to decide today at 10 a.m. whether to start the process for a retrial or to uphold the 2011 verdict and close the case definitively.

"In this trial, the judge lost his way," state prosecutor Luigi Riello told the court, urging it to accept the request for an appeal from Perugia prosecutors and Kercher family lawyers, who say the verdict was flawed and left central aspects of the case unexplained.

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Amanda Knox /GETTY IMAGES

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Obama presses Congress on immigration reform bill

Politics. Lawmakers are trying to produce an immigration reform bill by next month.

President Barack Obama urged Congress yesterday to summon the "political courage" to quickly pass immigration reform.

Speaking at a naturalization ceremony for 28 new U.S. citizens at the White House, Obama said he was pleased with steps made toward reforming immigration laws.

Obama pointed to the accomplishments of many of the 28 people who had just become U.S. citizens and said immigrants had reinvigorated the labor force and benefited businesses.

President Obama / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"I expect a bill to be put forward. I expect the debate to begin next month. I want to sign that bill into law as soon as possible."

President Obama
Obama urged lawmakers to push through to a conclusion.

"If we want to keep attracting the best and brightest the world has to offer, we need to do a better job of welcoming them," he said.

Polls show support for creating a way for undocumented foreigners to become U.S. citizens. REUTERS

Politics

Michigan affirmative action case in Supreme Court

The Supreme Court agreed yesterday to consider a Michigan law that bans affirmative action in public college admissions. The consideration of race in the admissions process, aimed at correcting past racial discrimination, is deeply unpopular in conservative circles.

In November, a sharply divided 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati found that the 2006 state constitutional amendment banning the practice, approved by voters in Michigan, imposed burdens on racial minorities in violation of the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection and challenged the Supreme Court ruling. REUTERS

UK's Prince Harry to tour US in May

The prince will use his visit to show support for wounded U.S. and British military personnel and promote his charities, as well as undertake duties on behalf of the government.

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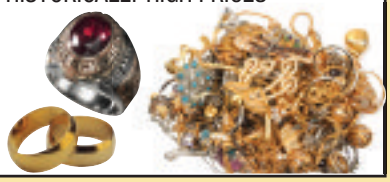

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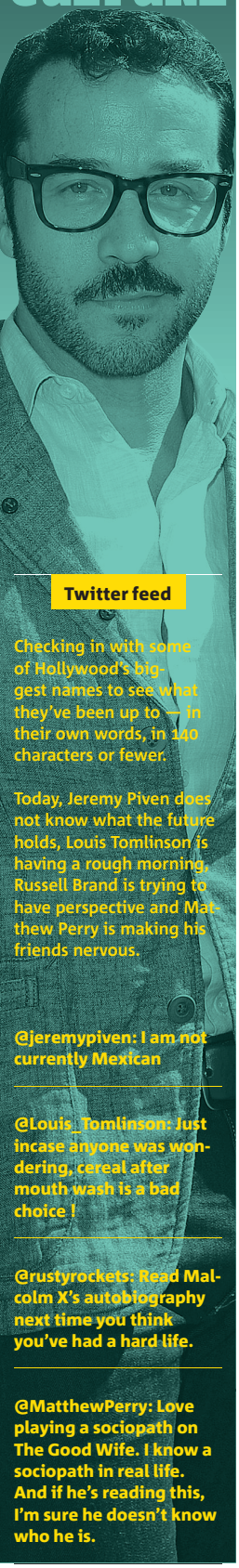

Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jeremy Piven does not know what the future holds, Louis Tomlinson is having a rough morning, Russell Brand is trying to have perspective and Matthew Perry is making his friends nervous.

@jeremypiven: I am not currently Mexican

@Louis_Tomlinson: Just incase anyone was wondering, cereal after mouth wash is a bad choice !

@rustyrockets: Read Malcolm X's autobiography next time you think you've had a hard life.

@MatthewPerry: Love playing a sociopath on The Good Wife. I know a sociopath in real life. And if he's reading this, I'm sure he doesn't know who he is.

MTV Video Music Awards in Brooklyn

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Sorry, Los Angeles: The annual MTV Video Music Awards is leaving your fair city for the concrete pastures of Brooklyn. "Brooklyn has re-emerged as a cultural capital where music, sports and entertainment history is made every day," MTV President Stephen Friedman says. The event will air live at the Barclays Center arena on Aug. 25. The host has yet to be announced (note to MTV: Don't pick Anne Hathaway).

Meet the new(est) Mrs. Jesse James

2

Fourth time is the charm? Jesse James has tied the knot for wedding No. 4, marrying drag racer Alexis DeJoria in Malibu this weekend after dating for less than two months, according to Star magazine. James' most recent marriage, to Sandra Bullock, ended in divorce in 2010 after publicly humiliating her with his infidelity. DeJoria seems more forgiving — and totally loaded. She's the daughter of billionaire Paul Mitchell co-founder John Paul DeJoria, who also helped launched Patron tequila and the House of Blues nightclub chain. "Jesse's always had a man-crush on John Paul, and what better way to get close to him than to get hitched to his daughter?" a source says. "But this marriage will be his fourth. If I were John Paul — after what Jesse put Sandra through — I'd be warning him up front that when it comes to Alexis, he'd better watch his butt." But hey: free tequila. Amiright?

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip.

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2014 Oscars show moves to avoid Winter Olympics

3

In case you were worried that you'd have to choose between the human drama of athletes at the top of their profession battling it out for a gold medal versus a bunch of really rich people vying for a gold statue (you know which one I'll be watching), have no fear: Next year's Academy Awards ceremony will be held on March 2, a week later than normal, so as not to clash with the Winter Olympics in February. The Screen Actors Guild has also announced that its 2014 ceremony will be moved to avoid the games. Who knew Hollywood cared about sports?

Leave Posh out of this

There will be no Spice Girls reunion as far as Victoria Beckham is concerned, according to Radar Online. "Victoria has made no secret of the fact her singing days are over, with a hugely successful business and a growing family," her rep says. "She loved her time as a Spice Girl." Translation: She's an A-list millionaire and has moved on. Quit asking her already.

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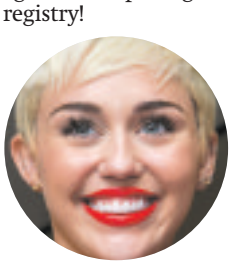
It's back on for Miley!

4

Just get married (or don't) already, Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth. Apparently the two are now "inseparable" since Hemsworth got back from his trip to Australia and Manila, according to People magazine, despite rumors of Hemsworth's infidelity. "Since Liam returned to L.A., Miley has been in the best mood. They are together and will continue their wedding plans," a source says. On top of that, Cyrus has been spotted wearing her engagement ring once again. Fire up the gift registry!



Lily Tomlin chops to it for 'Admission' role

Films. The comedy legend talks about almost getting a tattoo, feminism and the portrait of mother-daughter relationships in her new film.

Lily Tomlin plays Tina Fey's first-generation feminist mom in "Admission." / {GETTY IMAGES

"Admission" is a romantic comedy, not an action movie, so it comes as something of a surprise that one of its stars wanted to advertise her physique with a scene in which she chops wood bare-chested in the forest. Even more surprising? That star was comedy legend Lily Tomlin. "I wanted to be in the woods chopping wood with my shirt off," Tomlin reveals about her character, a septuagenarian feminist whose adult life has been devoted to activism. "The character has a double mastectomy, and I think, I'll get a breastplate made like I've had a double mastectomy and I'll tattoo it to show another expression of her empowerment and how she's completely at ease with herself and accepts her female body."

Unfortunately, the actress landed the role too late to be able to follow through on her plan. But even without the requisite hardware, she wanted to bare her body onscreen. She reached into her own experiences in order to bare her character's soul. "I am a feminist, and I lived in those days of the movement," Tomlin explains. "And I know what it is as a human [to believe] in a certain philosophy or some doctrine — and you do not want to betray it."

As Susannah, Tomlin plays the mother of Tina Fey's Princeton admissions officer, Portia, who's fumbling her way through a romance with an alternative high school principal (Paul Rudd) while simultaneously dealing with the revelation that an applicant just might be her long-lost son. The 73-year-old actress says that she loved the parallels she saw between mother and daughter, particularly since like her daughter's long-concealed pregnancy, Susannah had Portia under dubious circumstances that she has since reimagined as an emblem of her feminist values.

"My character got pregnant from having sex with a guy she's attracted to on the train, but she doesn't want to admit that she was so attracted to this guy that she was vulnerable to him," Tomlin observes. "So she creates that mythology that she chose him and she was empowered enough to decide when she was going to have a child and who she was going to have it with. And then that mythology isolates her from her daughter most of all."

Tomlin especially liked that the film possessed so many layers while still managing to deliver on a visceral level. "Aside from the feminist aspect, it's just a human story about people not being their authentic selves," she says. "Every one of us was living some kind of inauthenticity."

"The metaphor of admission, in the course of the movie we all have an admission," she says, punctuating the film's title. "I love the slug line: 'Let someone in.'"

Quoted

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Tomlin

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In Pictures

1 Jennifer Hudson. Lookin' good, JHud!

Jennifer Hudson celebrated Weight Watchers' 50th anniversary with a center dedication to the company's founder, Jean Nidetch, in NYC yesterday. GETTY IMAGES FOR WEIGHT WATCHERS

2 Ellen & Portia. G'Day, Melbourne!

Ellen DeGeneres and wife Portia gave a wave to the crowd upon arriving at Melbourne International Airport yesterday. GETTY IMAGES

3 Usher & Matt. 'Voice' chat

Usher looks like he's getting comfy in that spinny chair: The new judge on "The Voice" chatted with Matt Lauer on the "Today" show yesterday.
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James Floy and Fady Elsayed play siblings in "My Brother the Devil." / PALADIN

Film. Better the 'Devil' you know

Review

'My Brother the Devil'

Director. Sally El Hosaini

Stars. James Floyd, Fady Elsayed

Rating. NR

Grade. ● ● ● ○ ○

Mo (Fady Elsayed) lives with his older brother Rashid (James Floyd) in a housing project in Hackney, a neighborhood of London. Their parents emigrated from Egypt. Rashid is a member of the gang DMG (Drugs, Money, Gangs). Mo admires Rashid, but the older brother wants his sibling to go to college and avoid a life of crime. Mo gets involved with crime anyway.

We've seen plenty of films about hit men on one last mission. If the movie breaks free of this familiar mold, then much of the credit is due to James Floyd's steely performance. The film's context may be instantly familiar, evoking '90s films about poor African-Americans like "Boyz N The Hood" and "Menace II Society," as well as French "banlieue" films like "La Haine." But it's also quite local, grounded in thick British accents, obscure slang and the constant pulse of UK hip-hop. "My Brother the Devil" flirts with cliche but puts just enough of its own spin on its chosen genre to avoid settling for received wisdom.

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Carbon copying 'Victor Vargas'

Film. This SXSW favorite about Bronx graffiti artists proves hard to love or loathe.

Ty Hickson and Tashiana Washington play Bronx graffiti artists in "Gimme the Loot," out today. / IFC FILMS

Adam Leon's feature debut "Gimme the Loot" is affably unremarkable, making it equally hard to love or loathe. Bronx teens Malcolm (Ty Hickson) and Sofia (Tashiana Washington) sublimate potential romantic attraction into their shared obsession: graffiti. Their dream object is to tag the fiberglass apple that pops up at CitiField when the Mets hit a home run, but they need $500 to bribe a night security guard to let them in. Unfolding over a baggy 48-hour-period rather than the standard 24-hour coming-of-age time frame, the loose plot is designed to maximize detail-light hanging-out rather than dramatic tension.

A run-in with a Lower East Side college girl provides a sharply unpleasant scene, but most of "Gimme the Loot" is meant to soothe. There's a notable lack of movies about non-white teens in New York City having a good time rather than suffering or sinking into a life of crime. In that respect, Leon's film resembles Peter Sollett's similarly good-natured 2002 "Raising Victor Vargas," which was funny and warm, a party of a movie. But that film had a more immersive texture, more assured leads and better tossed-off, couldn't-make-that-up overheard dialogue.

The location shooting is nicely rough-and-ready (if oddly Manhattan-centric), but Leon's biggest asset is non-pro Meeko as Champion, the pair's mildly criminal, heavily tattooed mentor. Whether complaining about a cigar store's lack of selection or fumblingly failing to pick a lock, his real-life ex-con credibility and natural rough charisma spark up the screen. Leon deserves credit for broadening the normally narrow spectrum of non-white teens onscreen, but the film's too anodyne to leave a mark.

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Review

'Gimme the Loot'

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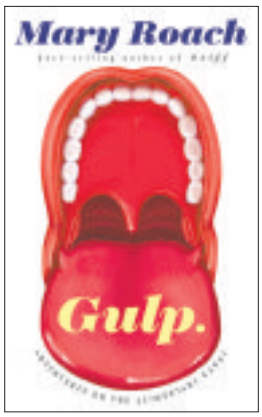
"It was the last taboo that I haven't covered," Roach says of her latest book. / CHRIS HARDY

'Gulp': Author Mary Roach on how it goes down

Books. Mary Roach built her career on exploring aspects of the human body that go overlooked by most writers.



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Author Mary Roach delights in probing the science of the human body that most people would rather just ignore. In "Stiff," she followed the body through its post-mortem pathways; in "Packing For Mars," she uncovered the less glorified side of the space program through zero-gravity toilets. In her latest, "Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal," Roach trains her steel-stomached curiosity on the science of eating and digestion, finding laboratories where pet food is taste-tested and windows are opened to the human stomach (literally).

"It was the last taboo that I haven't covered," Roach says. "Once you take food off the table and put it into your body, it becomes an object of revulsion. ... So it's yet another topic that I thought would be fun to pull apart and explore." As she puts it, "Anytime you peel away the skin and reveal the fact that we're just big bags of digesting, secreting, pumping, gloppy, sticky, icky stuff, it's upsetting."

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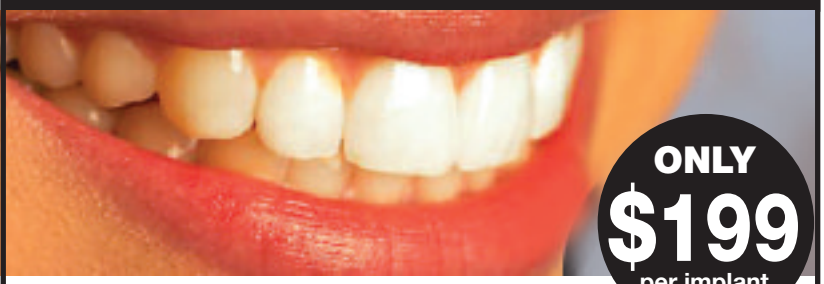

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BRIAN BAKER

Bad Religion's guitarist discusses the band's new album, continued popularity and live performances.

THE PUNKS REMAIN RELEVANT

Bad Religion's 16th album, "True North," is being heralded as a return to form, harkening back to their style from the late '80s. But guitarist Brian Baker says that's just a "happy accident."

"There's never any conception, any preconceived idea, about what a Bad Religion record is going to be," he says. "The lyrical aggression on this record is what begat the tempos of the short songs."

For 33 years, the band have weathered lineup changes, hiatuses, major labels and mainstream recognition. They have forged a sound that builds upon hard-core punk while adding doses of pop, heavy metal and psychedelia to their insightful and socially conscious lyrics.

Baker attributes the band's longevity to the adventurous songwriting of Brett Gurewitz and Greg Graffin.

"This has never been a band to sort of lay back and try to sell some T-shirts," he says.

Baker says the fans are also a large part of the equation.

"When you have a band with our history, it's nice to be able to play new stuff and have it still be relevant to the audience," he says, "instead of them pacing themselves, waiting to hear 'No Control.'"

But even if it weren't for the fans, the 48-year-old Baker insists he'd still be doing what he does.

"Playing guitar has exactly the same physical rush and emotional intensity it did when I was 15 years old," he says. "It's something I would do if no one came to watch.

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"Friends" co-stars Matthew Perry and Courteney Cox ignite a new flame tonight when they reunite on "Go On." / GETTY IMAGES

Drama

'The Game'

Ciara joins the Season 6 premiere of this football-centric dramedy. It's the NFL draft, which leaves Derwin's life in shambles. Elsewhere, people are getting frisky, punches are being thrown and you're wishing Tia Mowry was still on "Sister, Sister."

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Reality

'The Face'

The supermodel competition's first season comes to a close. Don't leave us, Naomi Campbell! **SEASON FINALE, 9 P.M., OXYGEN**

Comedy

'Go On'

Anytime there's a "Friends" reunion, even if it's on a so-so show like "Go On" or "Dirt," count us in. Courteney Cox swings by to play a widow who goes on a date with Matthew Perry's Ryan. In other words, Monica and Chandler are finally at it again. Still, this probably won't be as steamy as Cox's 2007 lip-locking reunion with Jennifer Aniston. **9 P.M., NBC.**

Reality

'Hardcore Pawn'

This one's pretty self-explanatory, but this time the Golds are cracking down on security problems to protect the business. In a perfect world, this would be a hybrid episode with AMC's "Small Town Security."

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2

Not feeling your outfit? Throw on this boho vest and voila! **We All Shine By MINKPINK Festival Vest, $89, www.urbanoutfitters.com**

3

Don't just wear any blah sweatshirt when the sun goes down. **H&M Tribal sweatshirt, $40, www.hm.com**

4

If you could pack only one item, it should be these: Jean shorts are a festival must. **MiH Jeans Halsy cutoff shorts, Carey wash, $150, www.mih-jeans.com**

5

These shades are totally cute, but no tears will be shed if they crack in the name of a good dance move. **Red Leopard Cherokee Sunglasses, $12, www.UniqueVintage.com**

6

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Questions to ask before your kid goes to camp

Camping. The director of 92nd Street Y's Camp program shares his 30-plus years of camp experience to let parents know what they should be asking.

You might still be focusing on making it through the winter, but the time to start thinking about enrolling your child in summer camp is already in full swing. With so many options out there, it can be tough to make these decisions. Alan Saltz, director of summer camp programs at the 92nd Street Y in New York City, is here to help.

How can a parent know if a child is ready for sleepaway camp?
If they've had sleepovers at friend's houses, or have been away from home for a short period of time, they can gauge how they've done in those situations. There are a lot of two-week options out there now, which is good for a lot of kids. Most kids seem to start at 8 or 9.

How do you recommend that a parent begin to research camps?
It's a long process. There are camp fairs that are offered on a regular basis. This gives a parent the opportunity to see a number of camps in one afternoon and meet with the directors. I recommend they talk not just about the activities and facilities, but talk about the staff, camp philosophy. Every camp has its own little narrative about who they are and what they stand for; it's important.

Do you have advice for how parents can prepare kids for their first camp experience?
Once they've made that decision, parents should have a running narrative with their kids about how much fun they're going to have, and what a great experience it's going to be. They should also address any concerns the kids have. They should also stay away from saying things like "I'm going to miss you so much" or talking about the things the child will miss going on at home while they're away.

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What are the best things about the camp experience? Why should parents be interested?
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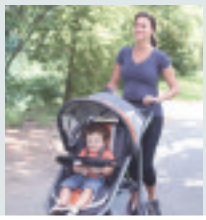

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Graco's FastAction Fold Jogger Click Connect

Graco enters the jogging stroller market with a mouthful: the FastAction Fold Jogger Click Connect. It promises a "one-second, single-step fold" and has a phone cradle and reflectors.

Maclaren BMW Buggy

The Maclaren BMW Buggy is for the discriminating baby (or, really, his or her German engineering-loving parents). Suitable for babies from 6 months on, the limited-edition stroller has a custom BMW insignia buckle and "BMW-inspired" wheels. Vroom!

MACLAREN BMW BUGGY, $385

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babyGap's Peter Rabbit collection

In celebration of Peter Rabbit's 110th anniversary, babyGap's adorable new collection features an assortment of soft, knit bodysuits, colored denim, one-pieces and patterned dresses. Perfect for newborn through 24 months.

Stride Rite Crib + Crawl

Crawling babies need all the help they can get. This new line of shoe by parental favorite Stride Rite strikes a great balance: They are soft and easy to slide on (a plus), but they add just enough stability to help protect your baby's new, on-the-go feet.

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Best kid-friendly cruise itineraries

Kids. Cruise lines are generally family-friendly — but not all are created equal.

Alaska's Inside Passage

What kids love: Most cruise lines sailing Alaska hire naturalists to give lectures and lead hikes on land and skiff explorations on the water. Kid-focused itineraries customize the experience for the younger set.
What parents appreciate: Alaska is ideal for first-time cruisers. Ships travel along the calm, narrow waters of the Inside Passage and visit places like Juneau, Tongass National Forest and Frederick Sound.
Who to sail: Un-Cruise Adventures offers a variety of voyages. Itineraries are available in two flavors: "Adventure" and "Luxury."

Alaska is ideal for first-time cruisers. / UN-CRUISE ADVENTURES

Kids will love Disney Cruise Line's "water coasters." / DISNEY CRUISE LINE

Costa Rica

What kids love: Costa Rica offers activities like swimming, snorkeling, exploring the rainforest and getting close to a real volcano.
What parents appreciate: Costa Rica is ideal for families that want a mix of active adventures as well as more sedate activities (like onboard spa treatments).
Who to sail: Book the Wind Spirit masted sailing ship from Windstar Cruises. The seven-night Naturally Costa Rica round-trip voyage out of Puerto Caldera calls on many spots, including San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua; Playas Del Coco, Quepos; and Tortuga Island, Costa Rica.

Disney Cruise Line

What kids love: You can't exclude Disney Cruise Line when talking kid-approved cruises. Your child will enjoy any voyage.
What parents appreciate: Mom and dad can make appointments at the spa, dine out at the adults-only Palo restaurant or enjoy the nightclub. Disney operates four ships that sail throughout the world, including Alaska, Bahamas, Caribbean, the Panama Canal and Europe.

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Endorsements may impact how much kids eat

Parenting. The new study is worrisome, because most foods advertised on TV are unhealthy and could affect a child's health.

Kids are more likely to pick foods endorsed by celebrities. / TONGRO IMAGES

Celebrities who endorse specific foods in TV commercials are a powerful influence on children, and that effect may extend beyond the advertisement itself, according to a new study from the U.K.

Researchers found that kids ate more potato chips after seeing ads featuring a popular U.K. sports figure — and after seeing him as the host of a TV show — than kids who watched commercials for toys and nuts.

"Obviously when they saw Gary Lineker in the advertisement, they ate a lot more crisps. ... But what was surprising was when we showed him presenting his show, we found that it had the same effect as the advertisement," said Jason C. G. Halford, from the University of Liverpool who worked on the study. Past research has shown that kids are more likely to pick foods endorsed by celebrities, even when it's fruit. A 2012 study found kids who were offered both cookies and apples were more likely to choose the apple if it had an Elmo sticker on it.

That phenomenon is worrisome, researchers say, since most foods advertised on TV are unhealthy and could affect a child's future weight and health.

The American Academy of Pediatrics lists celebrity endorsements among the advertising "techniques to which children and adolescents are more susceptible."

"I'm not saying food advertisements are the cause of childhood obesity," said Halford. But a combination of solutions to the problem should be considered, he added.

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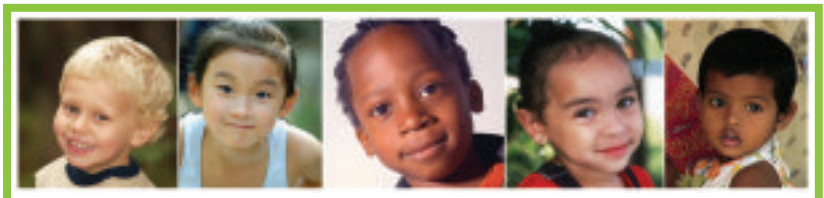

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New mom memoirs

1 'Everything is Perfect When You're a Liar'

Kelly Oxford is one of Twitter's favorite personalities. Go behind the scenes of her family life in her new collection of essays, "Everything is Perfect When You're a Liar" (out April 2).

2 'Baby Steps: Having the Child I Always Wanted (Just Not As I Expected)'

Actress Elizabeth Rohm details her struggles with infertility while trying to remain in the Hollywood scene in her new memoir. As she writes, "Infertility, especially in Hollywood, is definitely a dirty little secret. ... The reason I believe most people hide the fact they have trouble conceiving is very simple: It suggests you are getting older."

3 'Moms Who Drink and Swear: True Tales of Loving My Kids While Losing My Mind'

Nicole Knepper chronicles the utter lunacy that comes with being a parent in "Moms Who Drink and Swear: True Tales of Loving My Kids While Losing My Mind" (out April 2). How does she do it? Through drinking and swearing, of course.

4 'Bloom: Finding Beauty in the Unexpected'

"Bloom: Finding Beauty in the Unexpected," Kelle Hampton's best-selling memoir about raising a daughter with Down syndrome, comes out in paperback on April 2. Read along as she figures out how disappointment can be transformed into something beautiful. "Things were slowly shifting as my perspective tilted toward seeing my child having Down syndrome less as an obstacle and more as an opportunity," she writes. METRO

Getting the bonnet on was half the battle

Food. Here's where to take the kids for Easter brunch.

Rock Center Café 5th Avenue between 49th and 50th streets, 212-332-7654
Work up an appetite with a twirl around the rink at Rockefeller Center (yes, it's still open). The Easter Bunny will join skaters from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and also meet with children at the cafe to dole out handcrafted chocolate truffle eggs. Inside, parents can opt for a three-course prix fixe brunch or dinner; children receive two courses.

Asellina 420 Park Ave. South, 212-317-2908
While parents tuck into strawberry pancake towers and truffle poached eggs at the restaurant, kids can hang next door at the supervised Gansevoort Hotel Petting Zoo, which will be home to sheep, lamb, goats, chicks and the Easter Bunny.

Ritz Carlton New York, Battery Park 2 West St., 917-790-2525
On Sunday, children ages 3 to 12 are invited to hunt for the more than 500 treasure-filled eggs scattered throughout the hotel lobby and outdoor plaza. If your kid finds one of 12 golden eggs, he or she gets an extra prize. The Easter Bunny will also be on hand, and once everyone gets hungry, brunch is served at the hotel's 2 West Restaurant.

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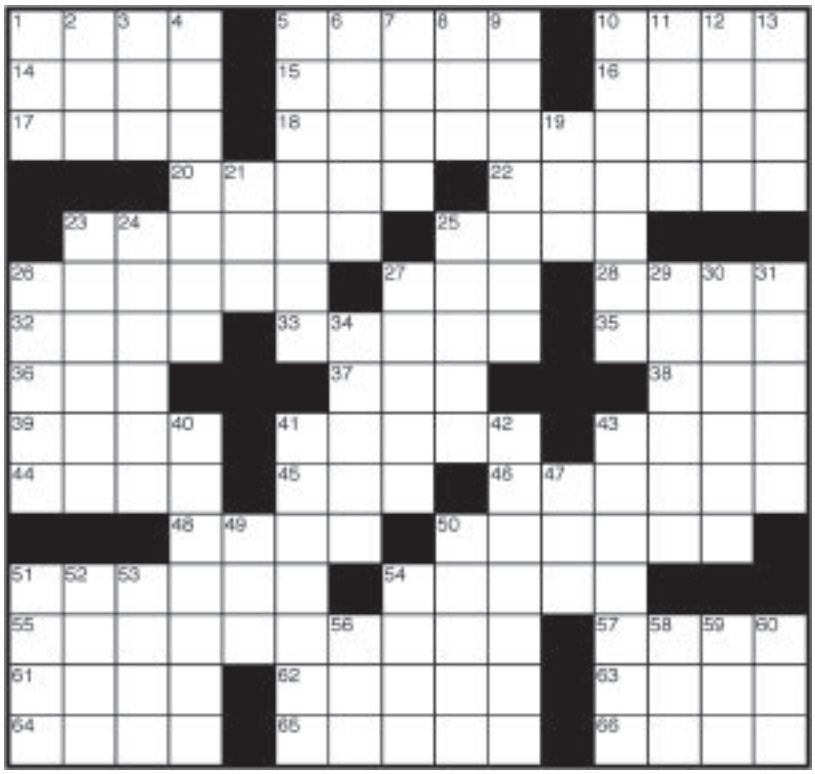

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22 Most arid
23 Busy
25 New driver, maybe
26 Large lizard
27 Junk food buy
28 Liverpool poky
32 Spouse
33 Cooking fats
35 Inoculants
36 "— been had!"
37 Where Ipanema is
38 Moonbeam
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41 Make copies
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45 WSW opposite
46 Less messy
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55 Inclination toward
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62 Alcove
63 Longest arm bone
64 Great North Woods roamers
65 Money-hunger
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4 Grain bristles
5 Tent event
6 Coeur d'—
7 "Pretty Woman" lead
8 911 responder
9 Tiaras
10 Judges' decisions
11 Gardner of mystery
12 Birthday counts
13 Take a breather
19 Pique
21 Beat the field
23 Desert plants
24 Most appealing
25 Henry VIII's house
26 Ammonia compound
27 Bellyache
29 Put fizz in
30 Mounted the soapbox
31 Coat
34 "— we all!"
40 Vancouver team
41 Curbing
42 Like the Cyclops (hyph.)
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50 Graceful
51 Basilica area
52 Europe-Asia range
53 Spring beer
54 Board game pair
56 Caesar's man
58 Attorney's deg.
59 Santa — winds
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Weekend's answer

Letters

Jobs victory in eye of the beholder

This supposed economic recovery has been pathetic. Although unemployment has declined from a sky-high 7.9 percent to a very high 7.7 percent, looking at the numbers closely gives room for pause — or panic.

According to Barron's, the percentage of people of working age who are employed was actually lower at the end of February than at the end of June of 2009, when the deep recession allegedly ended.

President Obama needs to come up with some ideas that will actually help this country's economy grow. If not, we will continue on the path of most of Europe — which is continued excessive spending, high unemployment and unrest.

RON FALCON, VIA EMAIL

Bigger is better

I really didn't notice anything new about the Metro, but when I got to the new enlarged crossword puzzle, wow, what a nice surprise!

Now I don't have to squint anymore. Keep up the good work. **FRAN MANNIX, VIA EMAIL**

As somebody who wears glasses, I appreciate some of the difficulties of not seeing well.

I applaud you going with a grandpa-sized crossword in today's Metro.

I'm curious, are you trying to set a record for largest crossword published in a daily newspaper? Grand though it is, doing so at the expense of the hard Sudoku seems like too high a price.

GEOFFREY PALMER, VIA EMAIL

US in double standard over Gitmo

The mainstream media is not telling the facts about Gitmo. The president still has not closed the place since he made the promise to do so. This compound still hosts torture and hunger strikes right now. If this were Russia, the United States would have a fit about this insidious behavior.

CALVIN DAVIS, VIA EMAIL

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Keep them a brief as possible, preferably under 100 words. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters. Please include your name and contact information.

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.
Be cognizant of the odds against you when you set out to address a career situation. Don't waste time doing it the hard way if you don't have to.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.
Think twice before you stop doing something the way it's always been done. If you leap into a new method without the proper preparation, you might be sorry.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.
Don't overpower a friend with your contrary views. If he or she isn't interested, imposing your ideas won't go over too well.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.
You could have a short fuse when it comes to your tolerance for minor irritations. Try to keep everything in perspective, and remain unruffled by adversity.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.
Unless you have something complimentary to say to coworkers, it might be best if you don't say anything at all. Even a well-meaning criticism could open Pandora's box.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.
If you are too demanding, the very persons you are trying to control are likely to rebel. Treat everyone with respect.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Your behavior with outsiders is likely to be far more respectful and pleasant than it is with your mate and/or family.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.
It's extremely important that you stop and think before you speak, regardless to whom. You could carelessly say something difficult to retract.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.
You're pretty good at giving advice, but not so when it comes to following guidance. This will be especially true when it comes to resource management.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.
Owing to much impatience on your part, you could damage your recent headway on an important venture. Try to take things one step at a time.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You're an imaginative person, but your thinking might be more negative than positive today. Don't allow a dark outlook to screen opportunities from your view.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Don't make important financial decisions without checking with all of the parties involved. Someone might know how to aid you.

Sudoku: Hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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Survey: Hotels in London ranked the worst

Travel. Overpriced minibars, lousy breakfasts and slow service are on the list of complaints.

London is one of the world's most popular destinations. Their hotels? Not so much. / GETTY

A study by travel website Trivago of hotel reviews from more than 140 accommodation booking sites found London came last in a list of 100 cities that had at least 135 hotels and 60 reviews.

The German city of Dresden came out on top, with its hotels receiving the highest ratings and most positive reviews from guests. "Users praised Dresden hotels for their value for money, whilst London hotels were criticized for their prices," said a spokeswoman for Trivago.

"In particular, reviewers felt the minibars were overpriced and breakfast service was both overpriced and disappointing, whilst hotels in Dresden were praised for their delicious and well-valued breakfasts."

She said London hotels were also criticized for overcrowding at breakfast, long queues at check-in, inability to cope with large groups of people, small rooms and poor views. On the other hand, hotels in Dresden were praised for their exceptional service, efficiency and helpful staff, as well as their spacious rooms with excellent views.

Close behind Dresden in the list of cities with good hotels were Hanoi in Vietnam, Tokyo, Chicago, and Krakow in Poland. Joining London in the bottom five were Rio de Janiero, Copenhagen, Paris and Amsterdam. REUTERS

Behind the survey

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Kruger National Park, South Africa

Kruger is a self-drive game park, meaning you can pick up illustrated maps at every entrance to the park and navigate for yourself, taking your time and stopping when you want.

Kangaroo Island, South Australia

In Australian winter (June to August), kangaroo and wallaby joeys start to emerge from their mother's pouch and feed alongside them while southern right whales migrate by.

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Serengeti, Tanzania

Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area are both famous for spotting the "big five" — lions, elephants, buffaloes, leopards and rhinoceros.

10 VACATIONS TO SPOT ANIMALS IN THE WILD

With the thawing of winter, animals and humans alike are starting to wake up and get outside. Members of Virtual tourist.com, a leading travel website, compiled a list of the "Top 10 Places to See Animals in the Wild." REUTERS

Hol Chan Marine Reserve, Belize

The Hol Chan Reserve is one of the best places to snorkel in the Caribbean. Check out Shark Ray Alley, famous for its nurse sharks.

Volcans National Park, Rwanda

High in the mountains of Rwanda, 18 mountain gorilla groups reside — 10 of which can be visited. Since permits are required to visit, apply in advance.

Punta Tombo, Argentina

Punta Tombo is the best place to see Magellan Penguins within continental Patagonia. The recommended time to visit for optimal viewing is after November once the babies are born.

Parc Omega, Canada

From the safety of a vehicle, visitors to this Canadian park can see bison, elk, black bears and red deer, as well as both timber and arctic wolves. An added bonus: It's located close to Montreal and Ottawa.

Tortuguero National Park, Costa Rica

Tortuguero is a sanctuary for nesting sea turtles. Although the green turtle is the focus, hawksbill and leatherback turtles are also tagged by conservationists.

Katmai National Park, Alaska

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On top

Woods back to No. 1

Tiger Woods is back on top of the golf world — officially, that is. Woods claimed the title at Bay Hill yesterday in a rain-delayed final round. Woods shot a 2-under in his final 18, and finished at 13-under. The win returned Woods to No. 1 in the world golf rankings.

Finally signed

Lhose signs with Crew

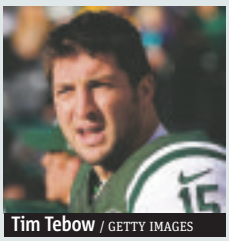
Former Reds starts Kyle Lohse finally found a team to sign him. He inked a three-year, $33 million deal, according to ESPN. Lohse was unsigned for so long, despite winning 16 games last season, because it cost the team that signed him their first-round draft pick as compensation.

God speak

Tebow gives NCAA team pep talk

Jets QB Tim Tebow gave the Wichita State men's basketball team a pep talk when they returned home after upsetting No. 1 seeded Gonzaga.

"I know you don't need to hear that from me, but I just wish y'all luck and we're praying for you. God bless, and y'all go do it, all right, guys?," Tebow said. METRO



Tim Tebow / GETTY IMAGES

Fast times

Zuccarello, Fast to join Rangers

The Rangers welcome back Mats Zuccarello with hopes he can spark their offense.

Zuccarello, who played with New York the past two seasons, was with Mettalurg in the Kontinental Hockey League (Russia). He reportedly agreed to a new contract yesterday.

ESPN also reports that the Rangers want to add 21-year-old Jesper Fast, who is under contract but playing in Sweden. METRO

Kenyon Martin is averaging 12.2 points and 7.2 rebounds in 28 minutes over his last five games. / NOAH GRAHAM/NBAE/GETTY IMAGES

Knicks counting on Martin vs. Boston

NBA. Veteran Kenyon Martin is suddenly filling a critical role for the streaking team.

The Knicks are rolling and they've turned back the clock to do so.

Kenyon Martin — he of the 10 months off and 35-year-old body — has ascended to a position of importance no one expected just weeks ago.

Martin is coming off back-to-back games against the Raptors that would've been more fitting a decade ago against Vince Carter and Tracy McGrady.

In last Friday's game in Toronto, Martin posted 19 points, on 9-of-10 shooting, and 11 rebounds. One day later, he had 18 points and seven rebounds in the second half of the home-and-home series.

Of course, 10 years ago Martin was teaming up with Jason Kidd as a member of the rival Nets as opposed to the Knicks.

"It's amazing that we're able to hook up back together. You know what I'm saying?" Martin told reporters after the team's win on Saturday. "Whoever thought that it would be in a Knick uniform? But I'll take it."

Martin was signed to a 10-day contract on Feb. 21, as an emergency deal with Rasheed Wallace out for the season. But with Tyson Chandler likely out again tonight in Boston (7 p.m., TNT), he'll be in the starting lineup.

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Ticket sidelined

The Knicks will get a break tonight in Boston, as Kevin Garnett won't play.

- **Celtics.** General manager Danny Ainge said yesterday the team was shutting down Garnett for two weeks with an injured left ankle.
- **Knicks.** Tyson Chandler is unlikely to play tonight, though he is officially listed as questionable (neck).

NFL. Giants re-sign veteran guard Boothe

The Giants locked up one of their few remaining marquee unrestricted free agents yesterday by re-signing offensive lineman Kevin Boothe.

The signing of Boothe means the entire offensive line from 2012 will be kept intact.

The Giants re-signed Boothe's left side mate Will Beatty earlier this offseason to a five-year, $38.5 million deal. The team also restructured the deal of center David Baas. They may do the same with tackle David Diehl.

"I'm happy to be back," Boothe said in a statement. "It's a great organization and a great team. I'm looking forward to this upcoming season." METRO

Yankees

WBC to pay insurance for Teixeira

The World Baseball Classic wasn't a total loss for the Yankees and Mark Teixeira.

Teixeira's injured wrist will result in $8 million in insurance money for New York, a figure that helps to offset money spent elsewhere. METRO

MLB. Yankees to pay $14M on Wells deal

The Yankees have yet to officially complete a trade for Angels outfielder Vernon Wells, but all the particulars are in place.

CBS Sports reported yesterday that Wells was en route to Tampla, Fla., for a physical with the Yankees today. If he is cleared — and there's no reason to think he won't considering he's been playing with Los Angeles — the could be done today as well.

CBS Sports also reports the Yankees will take on nearly $14 million on the rest of Wells' contract.

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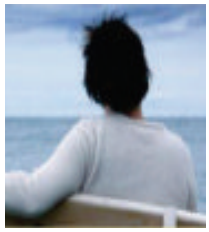

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